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NEW PETROLEUM REFINERY UNDER CONSTRUCTION, LIN-HSIANG, CHINA

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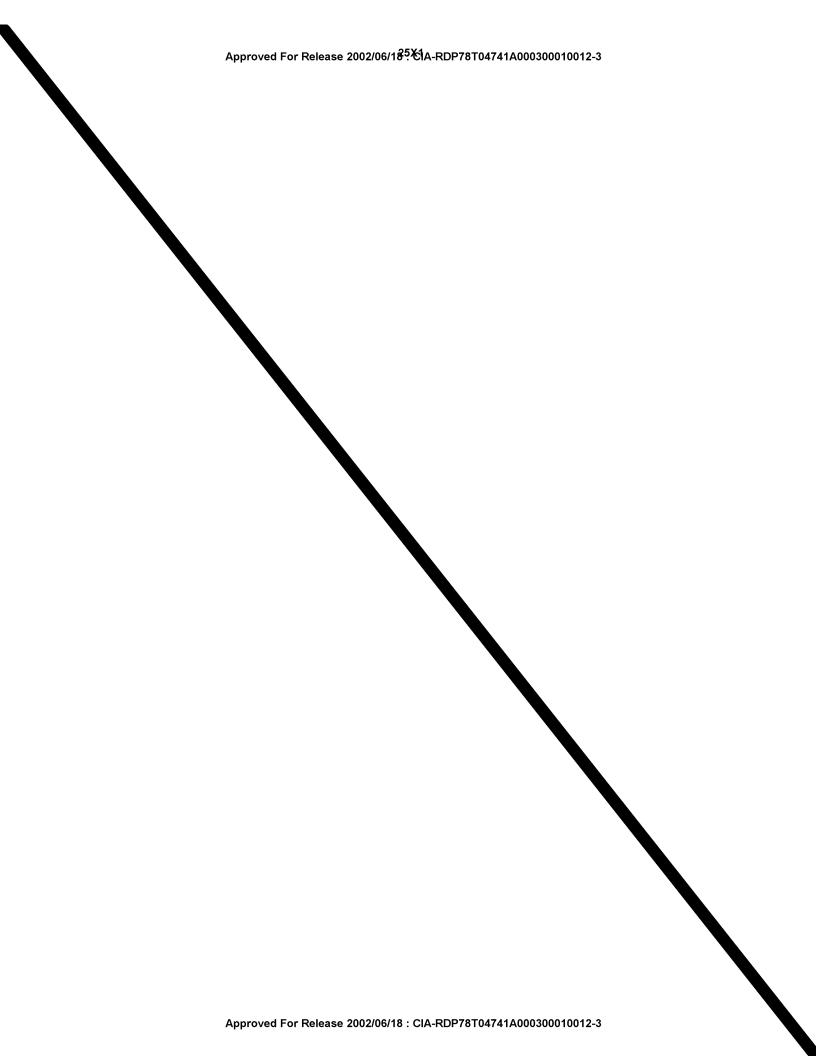
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1. A petroleum refinery has been observed under construction at 29-31-00N 113-32-00E, approximately 5 nautical miles (nm) west-northwest of Lin-hsiang, China, on photography

The rail-served refinery is only partially operation-complete, it will be among China's ten largest The Chien-chiang Oilfield is located 60 nm north-northwest of the new facility.

- 2. The refinery is being built in a series of natural valleys. It is adjacent to the Lin-hsiang Regional Strategic POL Storage Area and is served by the Wu-han to Chang-sha rail line. This is the first refinery ever observed being built at a regional POL storage facility.
- 3. The refinery consists of a main and secondary processing area, a housing and support area, a rail transloading and holding yard, and a classification yard.
- 4. The main processing area consists of a multistage crude distillation unit which may be complete and a probable cracking and probable vapor recovery unit. Two unidentified associated units are under construction. Other associated facilities include a forced-draft cooling tower, a water processing unit, and a large steam plant.
- 5. The secondary processing area is in two valleys adjacent to the main processing area. At least six processing units are under construction, but their exact function cannot yet be determined.
- 6. The housing and support area, adjacent to the main processing area, consists of approximately 450 buildings including administration buildings, warehouses, workshops, and a large workers housing area. Several open storage yards are dispersed throughout the area. The rail transloading and holding yard is adjacent to the housing and support area.
- 7. The Chinese have also been expanding their petroleum refinery capabilities in other areas in southeast China. Ching-men Petroleum Refinery a new large crude oil refinery, has been identified in Hupeh Province.* In addition, Chien-chiang Oilfield the only known oilfield in southeast China, has been nearly doubled in size.** A large bunkering pier was under construction on the east bank of the Yang-tze River at 29-34-30N 113-16-10E. The Yueh-yang POL Storage Facility PUG is adjacent to the pier.

*NPIC. May 71 (TOP SECRET	Ching-men Petroleum Refinery, China,
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